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Hongkong, 15th December, 1896. [187]

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Hongkong, 15th December, 1896. [1914]

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The REGISTER OF SHARES will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 16th inst., till THURSDAY, the 18th inst., both days inclusive, during which period no TRANSFER OF SHARES can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

JAMES B. DUNCAN,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1896. [1943]

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Hongkong, 15th December, 1896. [1939]

BIRTHS.

On 1st instant, at 3, Westland's Buildings, Penang, the wife of T. F. G. MORONY, of a daughter.

On 2nd inst., at No. 4, Westland's Buildings, Penang, the wife of J. F. WATSON, of a daughter.

At No. 57, Broadway, Shanghai, on the 6th inst. the wife of Captain J. A. SCOTT, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

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EXTRAORDINARY CHARGE
AGAINST FIREMEN.

AN INTERESTING CASE.

At the Magistrate's today before Cmt. Hastings three members of the Govt. Fire Brigade, Assistant Foreman McAuley, Fireman McHardy, and Fireman McKenna, were charged with a breach of duty in absconding themselves from a fire in New Street on the night of 8th December. Mr. Dennis prosecuted and Mr. J. J. Francis conducted the defence.

Chief Inspector Corcoran said that he received a message of a fire at 8.40 p.m. on the 8th. He attended the fire, the three men in Court were absent. He did not know that they had left to be absent. He spoke to them about their absence. McAuley said he was suffering from a cold and that the doctor had told him he was not to go out at night. He saw the second and third defendants when before the Superintendent; they said they had been to a banquet. Did not remember if McAuley said he had been at the banquet.

Mr. Francis—it was a general custom to call the roll after a fire. The matter was brought before the Superintendent on the 9th and they were all absent. Witness was practically the complainant before the Superintendent. He knew McHardy was on general leave, but that did not apply to fires; unless they had special leave they had to attend all fires. There was nothing about leave in the fire regulations. The pass (produced) was for police leave from 11 a.m. on the 8th till 11 a.m. on the 9th. On the morning after the fire McAuley got sick leave for a cold. At the enquiry Mr. May told the men that he would fine them a month's pay. They objected and called his attention to the regulations. Mr. May said that if they objected to be dealt with by him they could go before the Magistrate and he might have said that the Magistrate could fine them \$25; and if the Magistrate convicted them he would deal with them as well and take the Fire Brigade pay away. There were 22 European volunteers in the Fire Brigade. The second and third men declined to submit to a fine, and McAuley said the Superintendent could only fine them \$1.

To Mr. Dennis. The assistant foreman got \$12 per month and the firemen \$3. The fines were a month's pay each. The Superintendent told them that under the Ordinance he had no power to fine them, but if they would submit he would fine them. He also told them the Magistrate could fine them \$25.

To the Magistrate—McAuley had been several years in the brigade, the second man had been a member since 1893, and the third joined the brigade 12 months ago. He did not know if they had been fined for being absent before. Assistant Foreman McHardy was also absent on the 8th, but he had been dealt with by the Superintendent.

Sergeant Ford, Assistant Foreman in the Fire Brigade, deposed that he was at the fire in question and called the roll at 11 p.m. Witness was in the Masonic Hall when the alarm sounded; he saw McHardy and McKenna there; did not see McAuley. Witness left and went to the fire. There were four assistant foremen, but only two were at the fire. In the whole brigade there were 22 Europeans (police firemen) and six soldiers. He handed the list produced to Chief Inspector Corcoran on the night of the fire.

To Mr. Francis—He prepared a similar list after every fire. It was supposed to be a copy of the roll. It was given to Mr. May.

Mr. Francis—Mr. May was not at the fire and his name is not here. Why did you omit his name? Were you acting under orders or were you afraid?

Witness said he was not acting under orders. The eastern, western, and central police were supposed to turn out for fires. McAuley had about eight years' service and McHardy about 4 years. McHardy would have had first police night duty if he had not the pass and that would have exempted him from attending fires.

To the Magistrate—Had never had leave of absence from fire, but had known men to get special leave under Mr. Wedderburn, when the passes were countersigned by the Superintendent of the Fire Brigade.

Francis Henry May, Captain Superintendent of Police and Superintendent of the Fire Brigade, said the defendants were members of the brigade. They did not obtain permission from him to be absent from the Fire Brigade on the night of the 8th and were reported absent on the 9th, when he saw them. McAuley said he was with some friends and when asked if he had been at the banquet he said he had. Witness did not know there had been a banquet until that day. The others also said they had been at the banquet. No man had any right to be absent without his permission. He had given no general permission for them to be absent since he had been in office.

Mr. Francis—He has only been three months at the head of the brigade.

Witness, continuing, said others had applied for permission and these were the first who had not done so as far as he knew. If the Deputy Superintendent was at a fire he (witness) did not attend. That was a rule he had introduced.

Mr. Francis—That you have introduced (Laughter).

Witness—I did not do this without the knowledge of the Government, having been in correspondence with them on the subject.

To Mr. Francis—His correspondence had been begun before the 8th inst. There was no regulation on the subject and there was nothing in the Ordinance to compel the Superintendent to attend every fire.

Mr. Francis—Are you not an officer?

Witness—I am.

Mr. Francis—And under section 5 is not every officer and man required to attend fires?

Witness—Section 5 provides that the Superintendent may absent himself.

Mr. Francis—Yes, it has proper reason. Did you not have a dinner at your house on the night of the fire?

Witness—Yes, I did.

Mr. Francis—Oh! then you also were at a banquet!

Witness, further cross-examined, said it had never been recognised by his predecessors that the Superintendent should attend every fire. His views were—

Mr. Francis—We don't want your views. Don't you think that when life and property are at stake, the Superintendent and not the Deputy should be there supervising operations?

Witness—That has nothing to do with the case. Mr. Francis—Neither have your opinions. Witness, resuming, in reply to Mr. Francis, said he did not threaten the men if they did not submit to his ruling. He gave them the option of forfeiting a month's pay or of going before the magistrate. His attention was drawn to the scale of fines in the C. O. and he found they referred to absence from duty, and not to absence from duty. He then pointed out to the men that a magistrate could fine them \$25 and if they were convicted they would probably not be allowed to remain in the brigade. He did not consider in his position that that was a threat.

Mr. Francis—Don't you think it a gross assumption of authority on your part to attempt to subject these men to a forfeiture of pay?

Witness—I do not.

Talked the evidence for the prosecution. Mr. Francis took the case separately in addressing the bench. The third defendant,

McKenna's case, was that he left the hall to go to the fire and when on the way a man in the street told him it was nothing, only a chimney on fire. He then turned back. The defendant had undoubtedly made a mistake and should have gone on to the fire and found out for himself. If the case were pressed he had no legitimate excuse, at the same time his Worship might take into consideration that the fire was soon over, and that the man did turn out and was informed the fire was a trifling one. He had no right to do so, but counsel only put it in to extenuation. McHardy had leave from the police duty and if he had not this leave he would have been exempt from duty. He considered he was justified in believing himself to be exempt. It was clear from Ford's evidence that it was not always the rule to have passes countersigned by the Superintendent. Whether right or wrong there was no definite rule on the subject. McAuley had got a doctor's certificate on the morning after the fire. His defence was that he had seen a doctor late that afternoon and had been told not to get himself wet. He had no opportunity of reporting himself that night and got the certificate in the morning. His reason for being absent from the fire was not that he was at the banquet, but that he was acting on medical advice. Counsel said he took leave to say that this case would not have come to Court at all and they would not have heard from the men but that the case was a respectful protest against the undue assumption of authority on the part of the Superintendent and against his absence from the fire. It was anomalous that a man absent at a dinner in his own house should attempt to punish these men. He quite understood that some people would consider the setting-up of a defence an aggravation, but that was not the men's defence. A reprimand from Mr. May with a small fine would have covered the case. He then commented on the heavy fine of a month's pay and said it did not require a severe penalty to bring the matter home to the men and their comrades. Mr. Dennis pointed out that there were only two or three fires a month and the fine was not too heavy. As to the defence being a protest from the brigade that was not the question at all and if they discussed Mr. May's absence from the fire they would find it a most reasonable arrangement that the Superintendent should remain at the barracks when the duty was at fires. His Worship commented on the defence and said McKenna had done what most men would have done on hearing that the fire was only a chimney, as these false alarms were very frequent. McKenna had certainly got special leave from him naturally thought it excused him from fire. As to these two men, after being brought up to the court and put to the cost of an able counsel, he dismissed them with a caution. McAuley was long enough in the brigade to know his duties, and it was clear he should have got leave and he should have explained to the Superintendent about the certificate. The justice of the case would be met with a severe reprimand.

MASONIC.

INSTALLATION AT LODGE ST. JOHN,
No. 618, E.C.

There was a great gathering of Masons in the Masonic Hall, Zealand Street, last night, on the occasion of the installation of Bro. J. I. Andrew as Right Worshipful Master of Lodge St. John, No. 618, E.C., for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed by Right Wor. Bro. C. P. Chater, D.G.M., of Hongkong and South China, who was assisted by Wor. Bro. E. C. Ray, D.D.G.M., and the Officers of the District Grand Lodge. The R.W.M., being duly installed in the chair, at once proceeded to invest his officers, as follows:—

I.P.M. Wor. Bro. F. Howell.
Wor. S.W. H. B. Bridger.
Wor. J.W. W. Farmer.
Treasurer J. Leach.
Secretary W. M. Thomson.
S.D. G. C. Burnett.
J.D. J. Burgess.
D.C. A. Well.
Steward J. Goodchild.
I.G. J. W. Osborne.
Organist F. Bishop.
Tyler A. J. M. Farr.
J. J. Joris.

The ceremony of investiture over, the Brethren adjourned to the Banquet Hall, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion, the electric light effects, very skilfully arranged by Bro. C. P. Chater, the blinding star, with over 200 lights in the ceiling, was very striking. At the back of the R.W.M.'s chair was a

and at the back of the Senior and Junior Wardens were the Level and Rule, respectively. What showed up best, however, was the number of the Lodge (618, E.C.) in various coloured electric lights. The effect of the application of the electrician's art to the decorations was a very pleasant feature and Mr. Robinson is to be congratulated on the success attained. While the banquet, which was supplied in irreproachable style under the personal supervision of Bro. W. Farmer, was being served the following toasts were duly honoured:—

1.—The Queen and the Craft.
Proposed.—The Right Worshipful Master.

2.—The Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.
Proposed.—Wor. Bro. F. Howell, I.P.M.

3.—The District Grand Master and Officers of the District Grand Lodge of Hongkong and South China.
Proposed.—The Right Worshipful Master. Responded to by Wor. Bro. W. Baker, P.D.G. J.W.

4.—The Sister Lodges and Visitors.
Proposed.—Bro. H. B. Bridger, Wor. S.W. Responded to by Wor. Bro. S. Hancock.

5.—The Hongkong and South China Masonic Benevolent Fund Corporation.
Proposed.—Bro. J. Leach.
Responded to by Wor. Bro. G. C. Anderson.

6.—The Newly Installed Master.
Proposed.—Wor. Bro. F. Howell, I.P.M. W.M. responded.

7.—Wives, Sisters, Daughters, and Sons-in-law of Masters.
Proposed.—Bro. W. Farmer, Wor. J.W. Responded to by Bro. F. W. Edwards.

8.—All Poor and Distressed Masons.
Proposed.—Bro. J. Joris.

The toasts of the new W.M. and I.P.M., Bro. Howell, were received in a most enthusiastic manner, testifying at once to the wide popularity of the new Master and the steadiness of purpose with which he was setting W.M. had performed his duties during the term of high office. Bro. Farmer, it may be added, sent the whole company into convulsions in the speech he delivered in proposing the toast of wives, sisters and sweethearts of Masons, which was distinctly witty and thoroughly characteristic of the genial speaker. He was wildly applauded and had such a thing been possible would doubtless have been encored.

After the banquet and accompanying toasting, the rest of the evening was spent very pleasantly, the musical members of the company—

Bro. Robinson, Lamont, Bridger, Creplin, Grimshaw and Farr—treating the company to the best numbers in their extensive repertory. Some recitations and speeches filled in the gaps between the songs, the whole concluding with "Auld Lang Syne" at an early hour, thus bringing to a thoroughly harmonious conclusion one of the pleasantest *réunions* ever held in St. John's Lodge.

SHATOW NOTES.

(From our own Correspondent.)

It is with deep regret that I have to chronicle a very sad event, which has robbed our small community of a bright and promising young life. Douglas Layng, the eldest son of Dr. and Mrs. Layng, fell from the staircase of the house occupied by Mr. Thompson, of the Tek Kee kerosene tanks, and sustained such injuries that he succumbed a few hours after. The funeral took place on the 14th inst. and was attended by the entire community. The poor little fellow was only six years of age and was a favourite with everyone. Much sympathy is felt with the bereaved parents. The sad occurrence has quite cast a gloom over the port and will mar our Christmas festivities.

As anticipated, one dance has led to a desire for more, and the Swatow Club has issued invitations for an "Evening Party" on the 21st inst. It is, however, expected that the function will be postponed out of sympathy with the hon. Secretary and his wife.

After some seasonable weather it was very mild again yesterday. The moonlight quietened down for a time, only to come back with renewed strength to-day. The changeable weather is setting in that sportsmen, who have so far bagged very little, glow over to the settlement.

After enjoying a long immunity from the rapacity of the mandarin, the fish has gone forth from the Canton authorities that *shui* is to be levied in this district. The Kwangtung Viceroy endeavoured to collect it some years ago, but met with such stubborn opposition from the local people that he had to abandon the idea. This time, however, on *dit* that the present Viceroy is in earnest, and the needs of the Government for money are so pressing that it will not be given up without a struggle. So local officials are at it, anticipating trouble, and the *shui* has gone to Canton. It is said, to endeavour to turn the hard-hearted Viceroy from his purpose. If it is enforced it will stop the trade of the port for a time until the natives make up their minds to accept the inevitable. It is quite possible that, to prevent the imposition of the tax, the native hong and at Chow-chow is may compound with the authorities by promising an annual payment to the Government.

The orange crop is not a good one this year, and present prices are 50 per cent. higher than usual. The trees looked well in the early part of the year, and probably the irregular rainfall since has had much to do with the disappointing result.

FOOCHOW WINTER MEETING.

Stewards:—H. Baker, Esq., Hy. Edgar, Esq., R. H. W. Fraser, Esq., Thos. Glittins, Esq., W. Krohn, Esq., J. C. Oswald, Esq.; A. V. Walkland, Esq.

FIRST DAY, TUESDAY, 15TH DECEMBER.
THE STWARDS' CUP, presented, value \$100; for all China ponies; weight as per scale; entrance \$5. Half a mile.

Bonhomie 1
Cranberry 3
Time, 64 min.

THE GRIFTH STAKES; a forced entry of \$10 each with \$50 added; for subscription griffins; weights as per scale. Three-quarters of a mile.

Raspberry 1
Hopolia 3
No-can-quick 3
Time, 14 min.

THE TOTALISATOR CUP, value \$150; for all China ponies; weights as per scale; entrance \$10. One mile and three-quarters.

Monte Carlo 1
Acrobat 2
Grizzly Bear 3
Time, 4 min. 15 sec.

THE MIN STAKES, of \$10 each with \$50 added, divided 70 to, and 10 per cent. to the first, second, and third ponies; for subscription griffins; weights as per scale; winners 7 lbs. extra. One mile and a quarter.

Scandrift 1
Ranger 3
Time, 2 min. 55 sec.

THE TRAMPER'S CUP, presented, value \$100; for all China ponies; weights as per scale; winners at this meeting 7 lbs. extra; entrance \$5. One mile.

Democrat 1
Kuma 2
Leander 3
Time, 2 min. 14 sec.

THE HACK STAKES, of \$5 each with \$5 added for each starter; for all China ponies not otherwise entered; weight 100 lbs.; for Foochow who have never had a winning mount in China or Hongkong previous to this meeting; ponies that have never won a race allowed 7 lbs. Once round.

Lord Bob 1
Baggerman 2
Woodman 3
Time, 1 min. 27 sec.

GENERAL TROTTER'S CUP, presented, entrance \$10; second pony to receive half the entrance fees; for all Foochow-owned China ponies; weights as per scale; subscription griffins; allowed 10 lbs.; winners at this meeting 7 lbs. extra. One mile and a quarter.

Raspberry 1
Nihilist 2
Mophisto 3
Time, 2 min. 51 sec.

THE SUN YAT SEN INCIDENT.

LONDON, November 15th.
The Central News says it is not true that the Government has decided to prosecute Sir Halliday Macartney, the English Secretary of the Chinese Legation in London, for his share in the kidnapping of Sun Yat Sen last month. It is quite true that the Hon. R. Cuff, Solicitor to the Treasury, has been collecting evidence in the case, and that he has examined a number of gentlemen who are in a position to give information, among them Sun Yat Sen himself, but this has been done with a view to place on record the whole of the facts for use in the very probable event of questions being put to the Government on the re-assembling of Parliament. Broadly speaking, the Central News adds, the Queen's writ does not run in a foreign Embassy or Legation, for members of which, provided their names be registered in the archives of the Foreign Office, are free from arrest or proceedings in British Courts. This immunity is expressly conceded by the Act of 1875, cap. 12, and such matters have been invariably regulated by that Statute. The Chinese Legation establishment, as recorded at the Foreign Office in compliance with the provisions of 1875, cap. 12, is as follows:—Kung Tsu, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary; Sir Halliday Macartney, E.C.M.G. (married), Counselor and English Secretary; Mr. Tang, Secretary; Mr. Kiang Tsung, Secretary; Mr. Yang Lung, Mar

Attaché; Mr. On Tsong-Nee, Interpreter; Mr. Wang Shih-Sun, Mr. Chu Shou Tie, Mr. Kung Sing-chun, Mr. Lee Chie-jen, Mr. Yang Pao-yue, Mr. Pan Chen-ien, and their domestic and employed. When an official belonging to a foreign Embassy or Legation becomes obnoxious to the Government of the State in which he resides, there are certain well understood diplomatic means by which his removal can be obtained; but there is no intention to take that course against Sir Halliday Macartney, and no doubt is entertained in official quarters that the unfortunate incident of Sun Yat Sen's abduction will be satisfactorily and amicably arranged.—*L. & C. Express.*

THE NEW CHINESE MINISTER
TO GREAT BRITAIN.

SHANGHAI, December 14th.
We congratulate Mr. Lo Feng-lo on his recent appointment to St. James's, a position in some degree commensurate with his high ability and *décor*. The post is less valuable for its emoluments and facilities than for the assurance it gives of high local office on the Minister's return, provided always he has proved neither to utter a failure nor too pronounced a success. As Mr. Lo combines wealth with ability, he will doubtless so regulate his conduct as to strike the happy mean, which will further ingratiate him with the Peking business. The new Minister has a good record. The most brilliant *showman* of the Naval College founded in Fochow by the late Mr. Prosper Giquel, he was chosen to proceed to Europe to continue his studies. He mastered the English language and became thoroughly conversant with our economic science and philosophy as well as international law; he also acquired French and some German. On his return to China he was appointed Secretary to the Chinese Admiralty by Li Hung-chang, for whom he acted as interpreter and adviser in all important matters relating to foreign affairs. He was not only the great *strategist* of the *Admiralty*, but his very eyes and ears towards the Western world; with all his astuteness he only saw the external world through Li's spectacles, and that he constantly saw not only without distortion and prejudice but with clear sane vision is very much to his Secretary's credit. To the usual intrigues which attend Chinese official life, the Tientsin *yam* added the constant plots and counterplots of foreign schemers. Thicker as it is to a *Macca* went diplomatist, designing capitalists and syndicates, Chinese *radicals*, who and English philanthropists. They all met ready admission and a fair hearing was chiefly due to the catholic-minded interpreter. With the opportunity of doing infinite harm and of setting the Peking on fire, he walked circumspectly, and was always the respect and often the gratitude of the European and American pilgrims. The brilliant success of the *Li* Mission to Europe, especially the favourable impression it created in England, was largely due to Mr. Lo's tact and sagacity, qualities which augur well for success in his new sphere.

The appointment of Mr. Lo, interesting as it is on personal account, has other claims on our attention: it marks a stage in China's sluggish advance. Lo and his colleagues Huang, simultaneously appointed to Berlin, are the first Chinese thoroughly conversant with foreign thought and language who have advanced to such high office. Deep down in the roots of Chinese nature, fixed by the heredity of sixty generations, lies a conviction of the essential superiority of their own morals, philosophy, and scholarship; ought else to the *barbarians*. Their *inferiority* and *inferiority* has dragged the national intellect into such lasting *comas* that the country has all but lost the power to vary in the presence of a new environment. This is the inevitable precursor to disappearance in the struggle for survival. Defeat by a despised foe has partly aroused China from her sleep, and we may depend that neither poppy nor mandarin nor any of the drowsy syzygies of the world will ever medicine her to slumber again. Had the Western world penetrated China's vital life, the result would be to the *barbarians*. Their *inferiority* and *inferiority* has dragged the national intellect into such lasting *comas* that the country has all but lost the power to vary in the presence of a new environment. This is the inevitable precursor to disappearance in the struggle for survival. Defeat by a despised foe has partly aroused China from her sleep, and we may depend that neither poppy nor mandarin nor any of the drowsy syzygies of the world will ever medicine her to slumber again. Had the Western world penetrated China's vital life, the result would be to the *barbarians*. 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